

**Department of Planning and Budget
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB6

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Maximum number of judges in each judicial circuit

5. Summary: The proposed bill would increase the maximum number of authorized judges in the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit from six to seven. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 44. The Governor's introduced budget includes \$289,731 to cover the cost of an additional judgeship in the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the first year cost for a new circuit court judgeship is \$289,731. The estimated annual cost for every subsequent year is \$286,431.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Circuit Court

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None